The Homegoing Celebration

Honoring the Life of

Elder John W. Thompson, Jr.

Pastor,
Perfect Peace Church of God in Christ

SUNRISE: *January 1, 1930*
SUNSET: *November 5, 2016*

SERVICES HELD:
Friday, November 11, 2016
Eleven o'clock in the Morning

OPEN DOOR
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
1108 O'Connor Street
East Palo Alto, California

Officiating:
Elder Melvin Phillips

The Obituary

John W. Thompson, Jr. *was born on January 1, 1930 in Ruston, Louisiana, to the union of John Thompson and Sallie J. Wiley. He was the third of five children, whom have preceded him in Glory: Link, Evelyn, Henry, and Huey. He departed this life in the early morning on November 5, 2016 at the age of 86.*

John attended elementary school in Ansley, Louisiana, where he resided. He came to California at the age of 10, where he completed elementary, high school, and one year of college, before joining the United States Army. He served two years in the U.S. Military Service. He also played several years of minor league baseball in Japan and Canada.

In 1956, John met Jerine in San Francisco, and they were married in 1957. To this union, six children were born. He drove the city bus for many years, after which they relocated to the City of East Palo Alto. There, he started working for the Palo Alto Unified School District as a warehouse supervisor, where he remained for thirty-two years until he retired. On June 24, 1978, he met and married Missionary Elaine Goodwin while attending Menlo Park Church of God in Christ, pastored by Elder L.J. Campbell.

Pastor J.W. Thompson, Jr. received his ministers' license on June 23, 1974, under the supervision of Elder H.L. Wilson at Miracle Revival Fellowship Church in East Palo Alto, California. He was ordained as an Elder on July 2, 1981 by Bishop B.R. Stewart, State Mother E.M. Devers, Superintendent Kelly Smith, and District Missionary Geraldine Campbell. On February 13, 1983, he was installed as the Pastor of Perfect Peace, named by Mother Annie Watkins, who received the name from the Lord through the book of Isaiah 26:3. His first church was located at 1898 Bay Road in East Palo Alto. In February of 2000, God blessed him with a new church located at 10007 San Leandro Street in Oakland, California, which remains today in the State of California Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Michael Johnson, State Mother Diane Myler and Superintendent Ervin Hudleton.

Elder John Thompson leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 38 years, Missionary Elaine J. Thompson; his 6 children: Marvin Smith-Nikki, Tony Thompson-Lorraine, Richard Thompson, Michael Thompson-Dominica, Cheryl Thompson, and Sharon (Candi) Thompson (twins). He leaves 9 grandchildren: Chaniece, Marcella, DeEric, Jerome, Mauricha, Paige, John, Timothy & Jason. Elder Thompson also leaves to mourn 7 step-children: Greg Goodwin-Mary, Anthony Goodwin-Carolyn, Belinda Goodwin, Larry Goodwin, Creighton Goodwin-Pricilla, Troy Goodwin-Wanda, and Danita Goodwin, along with one stepdaughter, Roxanne Goodwin, who preceded him in death. He is further survived by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends, along with the Perfect Peace Church Family.

The Order of Service

OFFICIATING | *Pastor Melvin Phillips*
PROCESSIONAL | *Family/Clergy*

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT | *Elder Ervin Hudleton*
OLD & NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE | *Clergy*

SELECTION | *Elder Marcus Turner*
SPECIAL TRIBUTE | *Words from the Children*

SOLO: "AMAZING GRACE" | *Marvin Thomas*
EXPRESSIONS | *Superintendent Ervin Hudleton*

SOLO: "THE LORD'S PRAYER" | *Janaye Wesley*
EXPRESSIONS (2 MINUTES): | *Clergy*

POEM | *Jeanette Thompson & Carleena Jackson*
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONDOLENCES | *Belinda Goodwin*

READING OF OBITUARY | *Pastor Rowena Shaw*
EULOGY| *Elder Melvina Phillips*

PARTING VIEW | *Jones Mortuary Staff*
RECESSIONAL

Interment:

San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery
32053 McCabe Road | Santa Nella, CA

Active Pallbearers:

Marvin Smith, Martal Moore, Aurthaurius Moore, Tyre Moore
Herschel Lelaind, Ceandre Goodwin, Jonathan Goodwin

Honorary Pallbearers

Greg Goodwin, Anthony Goodwin, Michael Thompson,
Ricky Thompson, Troy Goodwin, Tony Thompson, Lawrence Moore
Larry Goodwin, Creighton Goodwin

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."
II Timothy 4:7 & 8

To My Family

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
Psalms 30: 5b

Family, to those who have not trusted God with your life, my plea is that you surrender that in that great day of resurrection, we may ALL be caught up in the air. I tell you, as I have done in all of your lives, trust my words and give your lives to CHRIST. To my family that walks to the rhythm and the beat of the Word of God, hold fast because GOD is real; be not dismayed in well doing. If you find yourself falling short, repent and return to the grace that is given you by the one that loved you so much that He took ALL the sins of this world to the cross. Take care of each other, and love one another!! I love you!!! Go henceforth and do well.

Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to acknowledge and give a heart-filled thank you to everyone who gave of yourself, especially The Open Door COGIC Family. We thank all of our family, friends, our Ministry Partners, and the California Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, for your love, support and prayers, which enables us to endure in this trying time. We extend special thanks to Jones Mortuary Staff, for your professional services rendered.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

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